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Petitioners contend that their sentences under the federal Sentencing Guidelines were imposed in violation of the rule announced in *United States* v. *Booker* and *United States* v. *Fanfan*, 125 S. Ct. 738 (2005). In *Booker* and *Fanfan*, this Court held that the Sixth Amendment, as construed in *Blakey* v. *Washington*, 124 S. Ct. 2531 (2004), applies to the federal Sentencing Guidelines. *Booker*, 125 S. Ct. at 748-756 (Stevens, J., for the Court). In answering the remedial question in those cases, the Court then applied severability analysis and held that the Guidelines are advisory rather than mandatory, and that federal sentences are reviewable for reasonableness. *Booker*, 125 S. Ct. at 757-769 (Breyer, J., for the Court). Accordingly, the appropriate

disposition is to grant certiorari, vacate the judgment of the court of appeals, and remand the case for further consideration in light of *Booker* and *Fanfan*. The court of appeals can then decide what effect, if any, those decisions have on petitioners' sentence, taking into account any applicable doctrines of waiver, forfeiture, and harmless error.* See *id.* at 769.

Respectfully submitted.

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* The government waives any further response to the petition unless the Court requests otherwise.